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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR PACIFIC COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE
BY WASHINGTON STATE COURTS TO
THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
WASHINGTON STATE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No.
2021-2
Effective FEBRUARY 1, 2021

On February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in all counties in the state of Washington due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") and issued orders to limit the transmittal of the disease. As of January 11, 2021, a Proclamation by the Governor was signed, amending proclamations 20-5 and 20-25, et. Seq.

WHEREAS. Unless extended or amended, upon expiration or termination of the amendatory proclamation the provisions of Proclamation 20-25, et seq., will continue to be in effect until the state of emergency, issued on February 29, 2020, pursuant to Proclamation 20-05, is rescinded.

WHEREAS. During this state of emergency, it may become necessary for courts in these counties to close, relocate, or otherwise significantly modify their regular operations; and

WHEREAS. The presiding judges in these counties need sufficient authority to effectively administer their courts in response to this state of emergency, including

1 authority to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders as warranted to address the
2 emergency conditions.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Court's authority to administer justice and to
4 ensure the safety of court personnel, litigants, and the public,

5 Based on the continued emergency, the Court is issuing the following orders:

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 7 1. Beginning February 1, 2021, all regular dockets will be in-person. Exceptions
8 may be made on a case by case basis for Zoom appearances. Criminal trials
9 and civil trials will be in-person. Hearings that can be done remotely will need
10 approval from Court Administration. Hearings will continue to be broadcast
11 over YouTube.
- 12 2. Social distancing will be enforced and the courtroom will have limited
13 capacity. Due to limited capacity, the Court will limit non-participants in the
14 courtroom. Those wishing to view the proceeding will need to watch the
15 broadcast on YouTube. Masks will be required in the courtroom. The court
16 may also direct the removal of masks to facilitate clear communication and
17 due process to ensure a clear electronic recording of the proceeding can be
18 made.
- 19 3. This Order will supersede any provisions of Amended Administrative Order
20 2021-1 and will expire April 1, 2021.

21 DATED at South Bend, Washington this 29 day of January, 2021.

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23 DONALD J. RICHTER, *Presiding Judge*
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